FPCON vs. Homeland Security Threat Level

Homeland Security Advisory System

Red: Severe Condition
Severe risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the previously outlined protective measures, the following steps may be taken:
•Assigning emergency response personnel and pre-positioning specially trained teams
•Monitoring, redirecting or constraining transportation systems
•Closing public and government facilities
•Increasing or redirecting personnel to address critical emergency needs

Orange: High Condition
High risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the previously outlined protective measures, the following steps may be taken:
•Coordinating necessary security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies
•Taking additional precaution at public events
•Preparing to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed workforce, restricting access to essential personnel only

Yellow: Elevated Condition
Significant risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the previously outlined protective measures, the following steps may be taken:
•Increasing surveillance of critical locations
•Coordinating emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions
•Assessing further refinement of protective measures within the context of the current threat information
•Implementing, as appropriate, contingency and emergency response plans

Blue: Guarded Condition
General risk of terrorist attack. In addition to the previously outlined protective measures, the following steps may be taken:
•Checking communications with designated emergency response or command locations
•Reviewing and updating emergency response procedures
•Providing the public with necessary information

Green: Low Condition
Low risk of terrorist attacks. The following protective measures may be applied:
•Refining and exercising preplanned protective measures
•Ensuring personnel receive training on homeland security advisory system, departmental, or agency-specific protective measures
•Regularly assessing facilities for vulnerabilities and taking measures to reduce them

DoD Terrorist Threat Levels

WARNING REPORT
•Terrorist groups are operationally active
•US interests specifically targeted

HIGH
•Anti-US terrorists groups are operationally active
•Potential for large casualty attacks
•Operating environment favors the terrorist

SIGNIFICANT
•Presence of threat
•Limited operational activity
•Threat capable of large casualty attacks
•Environment is neutral

MODERATE
•Presence of threat
•No indications of anti-US activity
•Environment favors US/host nation

LOW
•No indications of threat presence
•Group activity is non-threatening

DoD Force Protection Conditions

FPCON DELTA applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent.

FPCON CHARLIE applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action or targeting against personnel or facilities is likely.

FPCON BRAVO applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists.

FPCON ALPHA applies when there is an increased general threat of possible activity against personnel or facilities, the nature and terrorist extent of which are unpredictable.

FPCON NORMAL applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture.